Page 29 1 Do you see anywhere in there where able to tell if a patient is in pain if the patient it mentions a ventilator or respirator? 2 is in a comatose state. A. No. 3 Q. So did you know back in 2014 that 3 4 Q. Did you -- were you aware of the fact Grace Radowski was in a comatose state? 4 that Grace Radowski was in a comatose state? 5 A. I did not. I did not know that at that 5 A. Yes. 6 time until there was an appeal that was brought to б 7 Q. So being in a comatose state, I assume no our attention. 7 one could assist her in walking, correct? 8 8 Q. Okay. Well, there was an appeal filed in 9 A. Correct. 2014, correct? 9 Q. Getting in or out of the bed, correct? 10 A. Yes. 10 11 A. Correct. Q. And does the name John Steinhart ring a 11 12 Q. Exercising or moving? 12 bell for you? MR. TORRES: Objection. We're speculating 13 A. Yes. 13 now. And you haven't laid a foundation that he would 14 Q. John Steinhart was an attorney that even know how to answer that question. 15 represented Anchor Health Systems; is that correct? 15 BY MR. O'HARA: 16 16 A. Yes. Q. Well, do you know what "comatose" means? 17 Q. And you had some communications back and 17 18 A. Sleeping completely. Not moveable. 18 forth with him; is that right? 19 Q. It's --19 20 A. Just --Q. To your knowledge, did you ever say or 20 Q. If I would say it is a semiconscious or 21 write to him anything that said a person in a 21 subconscious state of mind, would that be true? 22 22 comatose state on a ventilator could still be 23 A. My limited knowledge of comatose is 23 custodial care? someone that is not cognizant of what's going on. A. I don't recall whether the text in the 24 Q. So have you ever seen someone in a 25 25 letter indicated that -- what you're suggesting. Page 30 comatose state? 1

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Q. To your knowledge, would a person in a 3 comatose state be able to communicate whether they 4 were having pain or not? 5 6

A. To my knowledge, I don't think they'd be able to communicate whether they have pain or not.

Q. Do you know -- in your opinion

then, what would be the difference between what a 9 skilled nurse can do and what an average person can 10 11 do in terms of caring for a person?

A. I'm not sure I understand the distinction 12 between the two categories.

Q. Well, what would be a situation that you think would be ordinary, customary custodial care? Can you describe it for me?

A. That's not medical treatment. It's 17 something less than medical treatment. Medical 18 19 treatment is restorative trying to improve the patient's well-being, which is covered under the 20 plan. 21

Q. Right. So what would -- do you know if skilled nurses have the ability to tell whether a patient is in pain or not even in a comatose state?

A. I don't know whether a nurse would be

Q. When you -- when the appeal was processed with the fund, did you consult any nurses regarding 2 3 the appeal? 4

A. Yes. When someone requests an appeal, we obtain the records from the HIS department to include that in the appeal.

Q. Okay. And so what records are you referring to?

A. Whatever was involved with the -- with the appeal from the provider. If they're providing the medical records, then those records would be included in the appeal.

Q. And where would those records -- were they just for you to look at or anybody else?

A. No. The appeals are heard by a board of trustees of the Calumet Fund.

Q. So today I was handed some records. (The document was thereupon marked for identification as Niksa Exhibit No. 2, as

of June 27, 2018.) BY MR. O'HARA:

Q. I'm going to hand you what's been marked as Deposition Exhibit 2. I'll ask if you can identify that?

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1	MR. O'HARA: That was on the top page.	1	A. And the HIS department would be in here.
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3	A FIRE CONTRACTOR OF THE CONTR	3	enclosures.
4	MS. STEWART JOHNSON: 654?	4	Q. Okay. I don't see anywhere where it
5		5	talks anywhere about enclosures anything regarding
6	MS. STEWART JOHNSON: And 655?	6	medical records. Do you see anything there?
7	MR. O'HARA: Yes.	7	A. I don't see anything in there.
8	BY THE WITNESS:	8	Q. Do you think that would have been helpful
9	A. I'm familiar with this.	9	for the trustees to see?
10	BY MR. O'HARA:	10	A. I don't know if medical records are
11	Q. Okay. Is that a letter that you wrote?	11	something the trustees would even be able to review
12	A. I did not write that. I signed it. Tom	12	normally. The medical decision as to whether this
13	Pasco wrote it.	13	was custodial was prepared by the medical expert.
14	MR. O'HARA: Okay. I gave him my only copy.	14	Q. Okay. And your medical expert is?
15	Can I get a copy?	15	A. It would be the HIS department nurses.
16	MR. TORRES: Yes.	16	Q. Are there any doctors that work in the
17	(WHEREUPON, a discussion	17	HIS department?
18	was had off the record.)	18	A. No. We have a medical consultant that we
19	BY MR. O'HARA:	19	work with.
20	Q. I assume you read that before you signed	20	Q. Do you know the level of education of the
21	it?	21	medical consultant?
22	A. Oh, I did.	22	A. No.
23	Q. Okay. Do you see anywhere in this	23	Q. Who pays the salary of the nurses in the
24	letter by the way, where was this letter supposed	24	HIS department?
25	to be sent to?	25	A. The health funds.
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1 2	A. This was a cover sheet for the appeal	1	Q. You mentioned in the section that talks
3	committee meeting. That's what this was. Q. Okay.	2	about review that's on the second page?
4	A. And that's what this is. It's called an	3	A. Uh-huh.
5	appeal transmittal. It's not sent to anybody.	4	Q. Medicare Part A. Isn't it true that
6	Q. So you brought this with you?	5	letters that Mr. Steinhart said that she wasn't
7	A. No. This is this is the cover sheet	6	covered by Medicare, but by Medicaid?
8	for the appeal that is presented to the trustees at	7	A. I do recall seeing that.
9	the appeals committee meeting.	8	Q. In fact, don't the records of your office
10	Q. How is it sent to the trustees?	10	show that Medicaid actually made some backcharges or tried to charge the fund to pay them back for money
11	A. I don't know how exactly it was back	11	that they fronted?
12	then, but it's e-mailed to them.	12	A. I don't recall that.
13	Q. E-mail. So this was the cover sheet that	13	Q. Okay. So are you the person that usually
14	was sent?	14	presents or transmits the appeal information to the
15	A. Yes.	15	trustees?
16	Q. Would there have been any other	16	A. Yes. Our department does that.
17	documents	17	Q. Okay. How many trustees are there?
18	A. Yes.	18	A. Calumet Fund there's four four
19	Q. What other documents would	19	people, and they have alternates.
20	A. It would have had the appeal letter that	20	Q. And I think back then you said that on
21	came in from the provider if that's what the case	21	this document, it says it was Lisa Catanzara, Harry
22	is or the appeal letter from the member would be	22	Grow, Jeff Strack, and Dave Wilkinson were on the
23	attached, along with medical records, and	23	trustee board at that time; is that correct?
24	communication with the provider.	24	A. What
25	Q. Okay.	25	Q. I don't know. This was just provided

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1	A. No. I didn't have a conversation with	1	contractor, or does he work for the plan as an
2	him about that.	2	
3	MS. STEWART JOHNSON: I'm sorry.	3	
4	Mr. Niksa, I'm having a little	4	A VVIII A A A A A A A A A A A A A A A A
5	trouble hearing you.	5	his connection with the plan, if any?
6	BY THE WITNESS:	6	A. He consults he attends the board
7	A. I did not have a conversation with Tom	7	meetings. He consults with the HIS department on a
8	about Medicare at that time.	8	regular basis.
9	MS. STEWART JOHNSON: Thank you.	9	Q. Do you know if there's any records
10	BY MR. O'HARA:	10	with regard to Grace Radowski that are written by
11	Q. Now, who made the determination that the	11	Dr. David Weiss?
12	plan was tertiary to the City of Hammond, and I guess	12	A. No.
13	it should have been Medicaid and not Medicare?	13	Q. No, you don't know
14	A. I'm suggesting that Tom Pasco is familiar	14	A. I don't know of any.
15	with those rules with regard to who's primary and	15	Q. Don't know of any. Okay.
16	who's secondary and so forth.	16	I'm going to show you now what's
17	Q. So you're not familiar with those rules?	17	marked as Plaintiff's Exhibit 3, which is really the
18	A. I don't normally get involved with those	18	minutes of the meeting.
19	rules.	19	MR. TORRES: 656.
20	Q. We had gone over before the transmittal	20	MS. STEWART JOHNSON: And it's all the rest?
21	that was done by e-mail to the trustees. A. Right.	21	MR. TORRES: No. It runs to 658.
23	Q. I think that's Exhibit 2.	22	MS. STEWART JOHNSON: Right. Right.
24	A. Yes.	23	BY MR. O'HARA:
25	Q. Okay. Did Tom transmit the information	24	Q. Have you ever seen that document before?
23	Q. Okay. Did form transmit the information	25	A. Yes.
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1	or did you?	1	Q. What is that?
2	A. Transmit?	2	A. It's the minutes of the appeals committee
3	Q. To the trustees?	3	meeting.
4	A. Our department, I believe, would have	4	Q. And what is the date on that document?
5	sent this to the trustees my department. Tom	5	A. September 12th, 2014.
6	would have prepared it and put it together.	6	Q. Okay. Does do you know if Tom Pasco
7	Q. It also says here, "The trustees	- 7	attended that meeting?
8	determined that based on review by the fund medical	8	A. If he did, it would have been on here.
9	consultant" who is the fund medical consultant?	9	He didn't appear.
10	A. Dr. David Weiss.	10	Q. I've looked through this document.
11	Q. Okay. So do you have any reports from	11	Where in the document does it
12	Dr. David Weiss?	12	where is it referring to Grace Radowski? Do you
13	A. I can tell you David Weiss would have	13	know?
14	been involved with the discussion with the trustees	14	A. What document are you looking at?
15	on this appeal.	15	Q. The trustee minutes.
16	Q. When you say	16	A. Oh, yes. It would be on Page 3. I
17	A. Because he was in the meeting.	17	believe it's No. 3.
18	Q. So he would have appeared with them at a	18	Q. Okay. And for the record, would you mind
19	meeting?	19	reading where it says starts with "an appeal"?
20	A. Either through a telephone conference	20	A. Just read this (indicating)?
21	call or personally.	21	Q. Yes.
22	Q. Okay.	22	A. "An appeal was received from the denial
23	A. He's part of the group that attends the	23	of benefits on the ground that coverage for the
24	appeals meetings.	24	participant's care was excluded as custodial under
25	Q. Is Dr. David Weiss an independent	25	the terms of the plan."
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Page 49 Page 51 Q. And then the highlighted portion? 1 On behalf of Grace Radowski. 1 A. "Upon motion by Harry Grow and seconded 2 2 Q. Okay. And I assume you were aware of the by Jeff Strack, the trustees unanimously resolved to 3 fact that Anchor Health Systems was taking care of 3 deny the appeal on the ground that coverage for the Grace Radowski from the period of time from June 10th 4 5 participant's care was excluded as custodial under through October of 2013? 5 the terms of the plan." A. Yes. 6 7 Q. Okay. Now, let's go back to Exhibit 4. Q. So would this be related to the charges 7 A. (Witness complying.) 8 that they submitted --8 Q. If you look down there, you'll see 9 A. Yes. 9 there's a first paragraph that goes, "Dear 10 O. -- to the fund? 10 Mr. Steinhart," and then there's a first paragraph. A. Yes. 11 Then there's the second paragraph that has No. 1 and 12 12 Q. Okay. And let's go through the 13 charges -- you have dates of services and then you 13 Do you see that? 14 have some dates. 14 A. Yes. 15 So that would be the dates of 15 Q. And then there's a third paragraph. 16 16 services that they provided; is that correct? Would you read the first sentence 17 A. Yes. 17 18 there? Q. And then you have a claim number. 18 A. You're talking about right here 19 Is that your claim number or theirs, 19 (indicating)? 20 or how does that work? Do you know? 20 Q. "The trustees" --21 A. I'm not familiar with that claim number. 21 A. "The trustees fully reviewed the appeal 22 22 Q. Okay. And then you have total charge. and found that the plan was tertiary to the City of I assume that's the amount that they 23 23 Hammond (Grace Radowski's husband's group health 24 submitted as a charge; is that correct? 24 plan) and Medicare based on Mrs. Radowski's election 25 A. I would say yes. Page 50 Page 52 of COBRA as of May 1, 2012. Secondly, the trustees Q. Okay. And then you have a column that 1 determined that, based on review by the fund medical says, "BCBS allowance"; is that correct? 2 consultant, the care provided by Anchor Health 3 A. Yes. 3 Systems during the period in question was custodial Q. What does that stand for? 4 in nature and consequently excluded under the plan. A. I would say that this means -- this is 5 For these reasons, the claim determination was 6 what would be payable if these charges were, in fact, 6 upheld." 7 7 covered under the plan. 8 Q. Okay. Now, when I'm reading the minutes Q. Okay. So if they were covered by the 8 of the meeting, I don't see any language in there 9 plan, instead of the \$85,600, it would be \$49,191.36 9 that says the trustees found that the plan was 10 10 that they would pay? 11 tertiary. A. Yes. 11 Do you see any language in there O. So I'm going to show you this, which was 12 12 that says that? 13 the 30(b)(6) deposition, and it has Exhibit A on 13 A. No. there. I'm going to go through these different 14 14 (The document was thereupon 15 items. 15 marked for identification 16 16 Were you ever showed this before as Niksa Exhibit No. 5, as 17 today? 17 of June 27, 2018.) 18 A. No. I don't believe I've seen this --18 BY MR. O'HARA: 19 19 Q. Okay. Q. I'm going to show you what's been marked 20 A. -- in this fashion. I would have 20 as Plaintiff's Exhibit 5. I believe this is Cal Fund 21 noticed -- well, it's hard to read. 21 22 659. Q. Unfortunately, my copier didn't copy 22

Q. Okay.

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What is that document, sir?

A. This looks like a summary of charges.

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1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22	within Cal Fund who makes the determinations on sequence of coverage, whether you know, comparing policies and which one might be primary or secondary or tertiary; is that right? A. Yes. He's involved in that. Q. And do you and forgive me if you've already answered this, which you probably have. But do you weigh in on that? Do you examine the different provisions of the policies and assist with that determination? A. I normally do not. Q. Okay. Have you reviewed the coordination of benefits provision of the City of Hammond Plan? A. No. Q. Okay. And or any sort of other insurance provision of the City of Hammond Plan? A. No. Q. Have you reviewed the City of Hammond Plan at all? A. No. Q. Okay. And when you were testifying about the procedure for when claims were submitted, you	1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22	determinations within within Cal Fund? A. The interpretation of the plan is the sole responsibility and authority of the board of trustees. Q. And is there anybody on the board is there any trustee in particular who seems to have at the time in question and I guess we can look at who the trustees were at the time who were between Lisa Catanzara, Harry Grow, Jeff Strack, and Dave Wilkinson was there another one? Just the four? A. Yes. Q. Okay. And is there one of those folks who was responsible for the coverage determination, or was it a group thing? A. Well, it's a group thing. It's not an individual. Q. Who would you say of those four trustees has the has a background in making coverage determinations? A. I'm not familiar with their background. Q. Did any one of those four well, you	
23	mentioned that a claim is submitted by a provider,	23	were present at this meeting, correct?	
24	the nurse reviews it and maybe asks some questions or gathers information, and then the nurse enters it	24	A. Yes.	
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1	A. No.	1	MS. STEWART JOHNSON: It is?
2	Q. Just to make it clear, again, for the	2	MR. O'HARA: Yes. The court reporter marked
3	record, do you have any background in medical in	3	that.
4	medical or providing medical services medicine or	4	MS. STEWART JOHNSON: Great. Thank you.
5	providing medical services?	5	FURTHER EXAMINATION
6	A. No, I do not.	6	BY MR. O'HARA:
7	Q. And you don't have any training as a	7	Q. I'm going through the minutes again,
8	nurse or just providing medical care to people?	8	Mr. Niksa, and it appears that you were present at
9	A. No.	9	the meeting; is that correct?
10	Q. If you could look at I believe it's	10	A. Yes.
11	Exhibit 5. There's a do you see the column that	11	Q. Mr. Ryan was present?
12	says "total charges" or "total charge"?	12	A. Yes.
13	A. Yes.	13	Q. Did you speak at that meeting?
14	Q. What is the total for that on the	14	A. Normally, I wouldn't speak at the meeting
15	A. \$85,600.	15	if Dan was there.
16	Q. Do you see the column that says "BCBS	16	Q. Okay.
17	allowance"?	17	A. I had just started. I don't recall Dan
1.8	A. Yes.	18	speaking at that meeting.
19	Q. What is the total?A. \$49,191.36.	19	Q. And David Mineau, who is he?
20	Q. So, again, what is the \$49,000 represent?	20	A. He's the finance director at our front
22	A. I would say this represents what the plan	21	office.
23	would pay if these charges were covered under the	22	Q. Okay. So would he have anything to say
24	plan.	24	with regard to the issues that are in this case? A. No.
25	Q. So then what happens so if the total	25	Q. Okay. What about Donna Bennett, Segal
	Control of the contro	23	Q. Okay. What about Donna Benniett, Segai
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1	charges are about 85,000, then how who pays that	1	Consulting?
2	difference?	2	A. She's the plan consultant that works with
3	A. Nobody. That balance isn't billed to	3	the trust fund.
4	anybody. That's part of being in the Blue Cross	4	Q. Okay.
5	Plan.	5	A. That works for Segal.
6	Q. Okay.	6	Q. And when you say, "the trust fund," what
7	A. It's written off.	7	does that mean?
8	Q. Is Dr. David Weiss present at all of the	8	A. The Calumet Fund.
9	appeal hearings?	9	Q. Okay. Does she have any input as to the
10	A. Yes. Or he calls in.	10	language of the plan?
11	Q. And he is a doctor, right?	11	A. Again, they're plan consultants, so I
12	A. Yes.	12	would say I guess she has input. Segal Company is
13	Q. And he puts his input into these decisions?	13	the consulting fund that the trustees have used for
15	A. Yes, he does. And he answers all of the	14	years.
16	questions that come up.	15	Q. Do you know if Segal Consulting is a
17	Q. And the trustees, along with the	16 17	have lawyers in their department? A. I'm not sure.
18	documents provided from the HIS department, they make	18	Q. Okay. And then the next one down is
19	their decision based off HIS and Dr. Weiss' opinion?	19	David Weiss, M.D. I'm skipping over Jessica Streit
20	A. Yes.	20	because I assume she's the same sort of situation.
21	MR. TORRES: No further questions.	21	It says, "via telephone." Did you
22	MS. STEWART JOHNSON: And can I just a	22	hear Dr. Weiss talk that day?
23	point of clarification, Jon, did you have this marked	23	A. Yes.
24	as Exhibit 5, and I just missed it?	24	Q. Do you know what he talked about?
25	MR. O'HARA: I believe it is.	25	A. Probably well, no. I don't recall the

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1	conversation.	1	A. And assuming that Anchor is in Blue Cross
2	Q. Do you remember him anybody asking him	2	Blue Shield
3	any questions?	3	Q. Yes.
4	A. No.	4	A and assuming that you get discounts as
5	Q. Okay. So if there were any medical	5	much as 50 percent
6	records, which were actually presented to the	6	Q. Okay.
7	trustees, he wasn't there to see them, was he?	7	A yeah, I would say that's probably
8	A. If there's any medical records that were	8	correct.
9	distributed to the trustees, he would have seen them	9	Q. Okay.
10	first.	10	A. But there's lot of "ifs" there.
11	Q. Okay. Do you remember him saying	11	MR. O'HARA: Pass the witness.
12	anything? That he had seen the medical records?	12	MS. STEWART JOHNSON: I have no further
13	A. I do not remember the discussion.	13	questions.
14	Q. And Jeff Jayko I assume he represents	14	MR. TORRES: No further questions.
15	the union?	15	THE REPORTER: Signature? Reserve?
16	A. Correct.	16	MR. TORRES: Yes.
17	Q. As well as Marina Faz-Huppert?	17	(WHEREUPON, at 11:15 a.m.,
18	A. Yes.	18	the deposition was
19	Q. And Mr. Karmel is the attorney for	19	concluded.)
20	A. Correct.	20	
21	Q. Do you remember anything that was said at	21	
22	that meeting?	22	
23	A. This was my first appeals meeting. I	23	
24	think they welcomed me on board.	24	
25	Q. That's what you remember?	25	
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1	A. Pretty much.	1	CERTIFICATE
2	Q. "Welcome to the firm"?	2	OF
2	A. You know, that's pretty much it.		
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